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In re Application of: )  
Ryoichiro UEHARA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3677  
Application No.: 09/963,577 ) Examiner: J.R. Brittain  
Filed: September 27, 2001 )  
For: BUCKLE )

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated May 23, 2002, please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the appended remarks and amendments. Prior to entry of this response claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2 and 5-6, and amend claims 1, 3, and 11 as follows:

Sub 4>1. (Amended) A buckle comprising:  
a female body formed with a flat housing and a male body having flexible  
insertion legs which are engaged with each other by insertion, and  
having butting portions including straight portions and a concave portion or  
a convex portion, which are formed on at least (a front surface of the front surface), a rear

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